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TAGS : OVIP, EAID (SHAIKH SULTAN OF SHARJAH)

SUBJECT : RULER OF SHARJAH'S VISIT TO US

REF: ABU DHABI 1099

1. SHAIKH SULTAN HAS NOW SENT WORD TO US THAT HE IS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED AT NOT HAVING FOCUSED ON FACT THAT HIS EARLIER ITINERARY PLACED HIM IN WASHINGTON ON WEEKEND. HE SAYS HE IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN APPOINTMENTS WE HAVE SUGGESTED FOR HIM. HE IS ACCORDINGLY NOW REVISING HIS SCHEDULE ONCE AGAIN SO AS TO GIVE HIM FULL WORKING DAY MAY 10 IN WASHINGTON. ITINERARY WILL REMAIN SAME AS THAT GIVEN REFTEL EXCEPT HE WILL NOW FLY FROM HOUSTON TO NEW YORK ON MORNING OF MAY 8, SPENDING WEEKEND IN NEW YORK, AND COMING TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY EVENING. HE WILL THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AT ANY TIME OF DAY MAY 10.

2. I HOPE THAT APPOINTMENTS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR MAY 10. SHAIKH SULTAN SAYS HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO MEET DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON, WHOM HE RECALLS WITH PLEASURE HAVING MET ON HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TO US TWO YEARS AGO. HE ALSO SAYS HE WOULD WELCOME BRIEFING ON AID'S TECHNICAL SERVICES CAPABILITIES BY KENDRICK.

3. I WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM SULTAN OF
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SPECIFIC TIMES FOR APPOINTMENTS DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON

BEFORE HE LEAVES TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS FOUL-UPS
ONCE HE IS ON THE ROAD. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

4. INCIDENTALLY, HEAD OF CHARTER COMPANY, MASON, WHO IS TRY-
ING TO SELL REFINERY SHAIKH SULTAN AND WHOSE PERSONAL GUEST
SHAIKH SULTAN WILL BE ON HIS TRIP TO THE U.S., HAS INDICATED
TO SHAIKH SULTAN THAT THERE IS GOOD CHANCE HE WILL MEET PRESI-
DENT FORD DURING PERIOD SHAIKH SULTAN IS STAYING AT MASON'S
PLACE IN PALM BEACH. MASON HAS APPARENTLY DESCRIBED HIMSELF
TO SULTAN AS PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT.
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